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NUMBER OF FISHING LICENSES SOLD IN UNITED STATES REACH NEW HIGH

The popularity of fresh-water fishing in the United States reached a new high during the year ended June 30, 1952, with the record sale of 17,127,896 anglers' licenses, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay was advised today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The gross revenue derived by the 48 States from these license sales amounted to \$33,609,539.

Compared with the previous year when 16,026,699 fishing licenses were sold by the various States for \$35,554,285, the 1951-52 season totals show an increase of 1,101,197 in licenses and a decrease of \$1,944,746 in revenue.

Nonresident fishermen purchased 2,308,225 licenses in fiscal year 1952, an increase of 152,804 over the 2,155,421 of the previous year. States which attracted the greatest number of out-of-State anglers were Wisconsin, with 299,768 non-resident license sales; Minnesota, with 286,510; Michigan, with 282,425; and Tennessee, with 224,230.

In the number of licenses issued, Michigan, with 1,124,338, continued to head the list. California rated second place with 1,059,367, while third place went to Wisconsin with 1,038,712. Minnesota held fourth place, with 930,556; Ohio was fifth with 874,910; New York, sixth, with 794,436; Tennessee, seventh, with 762,055; Illinois, eighth, with 750,968; Pennsylvania, ninth, with 664,286; and Missouri, tenth, with 654,268.

For comparative purposes, the first 10 in the license sales line-up are shown for 1951-52 and 1950-51.

<u>1951-52</u>		<u>1950-51</u>	
Michigan	1,124,338	Michigan	1,089,864
California	1,059,367	Wisconsin	1,029,355
Wisconsin	1,038,712	California	981,326
Minnesota	930,556	Minnesota	954,768
Ohio	874,910	Ohio	892,470
New York	794,436	Illinois	761,860
Tennessee	762,055	New York	723,225
Illinois	750,968	Missouri	642,394
Pennsylvania	664,286	Tennessee	639,100
Missouri	654,268	Pennsylvania	638,410

The first 10 States in amount of revenue are listed below:

<u>1951-52</u>		<u>1950-51</u>	
California	\$3,217,004	California	\$2,986,352
Michigan	2,153,445	Michigan	2,077,084
Wisconsin	2,067,692	New York	2,068,019
Minnesota	2,062,805	Wisconsin	2,035,820
New York	1,783,149	Minnesota	2,026,060
Pennsylvania	1,363,405	Washington	1,908,183
Ohio	1,279,137	Missouri	1,406,742
Missouri	1,114,888	Pennsylvania	1,309,579
Oregon	1,102,311	Oregon	1,204,513
Colorado	1,080,399	Tennessee	1,002,140

In Alaska the sale of 43,495 fishing licenses brought \$74,938. Resident licenses numbered 29,826; nonresident, 13,669. One-half of the revenue from hunting and fishing license sales in Alaska is required by law to go into "miscellaneous receipts" of the United States Treasury, and the remainder goes into the Territorial school fund.

In the Territory of Hawaii, according to the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, only 627 fresh-water game fishing licenses were purchased at a cost of \$1,517. Fishing licenses in Hawaii, however, are required for the taking of introduced fresh-water game species only. As the bulk of their sport fishermen fish in salt water, the number of licenses sold gives a most incorrect measurement of the degree of sport fishing activity in the Territory.

In the appended alphabetical tabulation, the "anglers' fees" column includes gross cost to anglers of licenses, special permits, seals, and one-half the cost of combination licenses. Combination licenses have been included in both hunting and fishing tabulations. In previous years some overlapping on fees paid by sportsmen for combination licenses has occurred because combination licenses were reported at full cost to the angler as well as to the hunter.

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FISHING LICENSES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	ANGLERS' FEES*
Alabama	168,589	13,099	181,688	\$ 206,839
Arizona	67,817	17,020	84,837	255,185
Arkansas	257,759	90,308	348,067	630,137
California	1,047,739	11,628	1,059,367	3,217,004
Colorado	273,269	71,653	344,922	1,080,399
Connecticut	89,375	4,643	94,018	326,824
Delaware	6,624	1,760	8,384	21,480
Florida	191,219	90,709	281,928	770,266
Georgia	348,336	4,115	352,451	233,421
Idaho	168,578	53,205	221,783	577,598
Illinois	720,154	30,814	750,968	794,706
Indiana	511,729	34,353	546,082	611,333
Iowa	380,071	12,518	392,589	560,169
Kansas	265,032	4,753	269,785	413,447
Kentucky	318,060	76,523	394,583	650,658
Louisiana	76,516	12,821	89,337	121,589
Maine	123,226	63,738	186,964	569,000
Maryland	84,613	16,699	101,312	161,261
Massachusetts	207,779	7,436	215,215	563,275
Michigan	841,913	282,425	1,124,338	2,153,445
Minnesota	644,046	286,510	930,556	2,062,805
Mississippi	113,122	50,110	163,232	246,633
Missouri	613,223	41,045	654,268	1,114,888
Montana	176,238	29,592	205,830	372,912
Nebraska	195,267	8,234	203,501	309,686
Nevada	21,637	21,459	43,096	167,291
New Hampshire	93,873	44,306	138,179	399,460
New Jersey	133,056	11,788	144,844	483,960
New Mexico	69,059	36,512	105,571	353,953
New York	758,651	35,785	794,436	1,783,149
North Carolina	277,564	45,696	323,260	533,174
North Dakota	68,887	707	69,594	36,564
Ohio	834,463	40,447	874,910	1,279,137
Oklahoma	378,290	53,099	431,389	907,335
Oregon	295,433	2,346	297,779	1,102,311
Pennsylvania	642,691	21,595	664,286	1,363,405
Rhode Island	23,140	450	23,590	42,194
South Carolina	275,582	3,688	279,270	351,201
South Dakota	110,060	23,873	133,933	312,561
Tennessee	537,825	224,230	762,055	728,562
Texas	384,688	7,526	392,214	650,306
Utah	110,341	4,980	115,321	295,643
Vermont	71,760	30,516	102,276	208,928
Virginia	332,971	3,034	336,005	474,888
Washington	423,560	20,583	444,143	1,029,736
West Virginia	236,930	10,676	247,606	456,104
Wisconsin	738,944	299,768	1,038,712	2,067,692
Wyoming	109,972	49,450	159,422	557,025
TOTALS	14,819,671	2,308,225	17,127,896	\$33,609,539

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